GROUP OR CIRCLE CONSTITUTION

A Person-Centered Planning circle is not the same as a person's interdisciplinary "team." One of the best ways to determine who should be in a circle is for the facilitator to sit down with the focus person (and/or their representative, if needed) and draw a relationship map. The first questions to ask would be "Who are your best friends?" "Who do you love the most?" "Who loves you the most?" Then the facilitator can fill in the rest of the map with the person and/or their representative.

The facilitator can also ask about community places the focus person goes to, and who they see there. The facilitator can actively seek out who are community members who can be invited to join the person's circle.

Once the map is complete, the facilitator asks the person who they would like to have participate in this planning. Then together they figure out how these people should be invited to come to the planning meeting.